

REMARKS

Applicants have the following response to the Final Rejection of April 7, 2005. In order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending the claims herein to clarify the claimed invention.

As a RCE is being filed herewith, this amendment and the accompanying IDS should be entered and considered by the Examiner at this time.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

In the Final Rejection, the Examiner rejects Claims 1-16 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Takahara (US 6,219,113). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-4

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to recite that the substrate and the lens are bonded with an adhesive. This feature is shown, for example, in Fig. 13B and at page 18, lns. 1-9 of the present application. It is respectfully submitted that Takahara does not disclose or suggest this feature.

For example, the Examiner contends that Takahara discloses a lens (microlens 641) formed on a LCD display element (21, 22) and cites Figs. 65, 66a, 97, 102 and 111 in support thereof. None of these figures or the other figures cited by the Examiner disclose the above feature. For example, the Examiner also cites to Fig. 69 in Takahara. However, in the embodiment of Fig. 69, Takahara appears to disclose that an optical coupling agent 691 (water, etc.; see col. 56, lns. 6-10) is filled between a microlens 641 and a counter substrate 11 over LCD display element 21 and 22. Hence, Takahara does not disclose or suggest the device of amended independent Claim 1, and Claim 1 and

those claims dependent thereon are patentable over the cited reference.

Claims 5-12

Applicants also traverse the rejection of independent Claims 5 and 9. With regard to the rejection of these claims, the Examiner contends that Takahara discloses that microlens 641 magnifies an image of an object displayed on the LCD display element and in support thereof, argues that Takahara discloses adjusting focal distance of the microlens 641 according to various manufacturing techniques and that the magnification factor of the image of the object can be found by dividing the actual focus distance of the microlens 641 by a focal distance of a standard microlens (citing col. 56, lines 6-35 of Takahara)

Applicants respectfully disagree. At col. 57, lns. 54-61, Takahara discloses that light is collected by the microlens 641 and the microlens having a light collecting operation in order to collect incident light. Hence, it is respectfully submitted that Takahara fails to describe or suggest the lens for magnifying an image of an object displayed by the organic electroluminescence display element, as recited in amended independent Claims 5 and 9. Therefore, Takahara does not disclose or suggest the device of amended independent Claims 5 and 9, and these claims and those claims dependent thereon are patentable over the cited reference.

Claims 13-16

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claim 13 to recite the feature that the lens magnifies an image of an object displayed by the electroluminescence display element. Therefore, for at least the reasons discussed above for independent Claims 5 and 9, independent Claim 13 and those claims dependent thereon are also patentable over the cited reference.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, it is respectfully requested that the

rejection of Claims 1-16 now be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants are also adding new dependent Claims 17-31. As each of these claims is a dependent claim, for at least the reasons discussed above for the independent claims, these claims are also allowable over the cited references.

The fee for new claims has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total	31	-	20	11	(small entity) x 25 (others) x 50	\$ 550.00
Independent	4	-	4	0	(small entity) x 100 (others) x 200	\$ 0
Multiple Dependent ()					(small entity) + 180 (others) + 360	\$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEES						\$ 550.00

Applicants are enclosing the \$ 550.00 fee for the new claims. If any further fee should be due, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are also enclosing herewith an information disclosure statement (IDS). As a RCE is being filed herewith, this IDS should be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action for this application.

Further, in light of the RCE, no fee is believed due for this IDS. If such a fee should be due, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

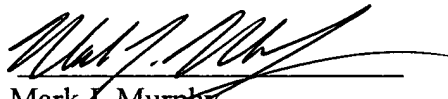
Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any fee is due for this amendment, IDS or RCE, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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